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REPORT

TOPIC Quartering Area of the 6th Gds Mezz Div Including Army Troops ofthe Fourth Gds Mezz Army

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- ☐ 1. On 19 August 1954, the Panzer Kaserne (4001) in Bad Freienwalde was occupied by approximately 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, signal and motor transport insignia. Exercises were continuously conducted at the Trampe training area.

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- ☐ 2. On 21 August, the Panzer Kaserne (4001) in Bad Freienwalde was occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. No training was conducted outside of the installation. Intensive activity was observed inside the installation. Ten trucks daily engaged in driving practice. Wood workers stated that units from this installation held exercises in the Koethen Forest between late July and 21 August. On 18 August, between 350 and 400 soldiers, which were still quartered in tents, received field training in the training area near Rathsdorf.

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- ☐ 3. On 26 August, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (4241) in Bernau was occupied by 1,000 to 1,500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank signal and motor transport insignia and, a few, black-bordered black epaulets. The occupation strength varied continually

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during the month of August since elements of the units were continuously rotated to the Schoenow training grounds. On 22 August, 3 trucks with pontoons and 4 other trucks were seen in the barracks yard.

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4. On 1 September, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by approximately 1,200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Approximately 25 T-34 tanks, 1 SU-85 gun, 8 JSU-152 guns, 21 x 57-mm AT guns, 12 x 76.2-mm AT guns, 9 x 120-mm mortars and 16 x 80-mm mortars were seen in the barracks area. On 20 August and 1 September, 120 to 150 soldiers engaged in drill, field training physical training. On 25 August, approximately 50 soldiers prepared construction material in the engineer depot; 12 pontoon sections and 30 trucks were seen in open sheds.
5. On 24 August, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne was about 50 percent occupied.
6. On 26 August, the former Army Clothing Depot I (4244) in Bernau was lightly occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training was observed.
7. On 1 September, the former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau was occupied by a rear detail of approximately 40 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was no training. On 20 July, 4 x 76.2-mm AT guns were seen.
8. On 17 August, former Army Clothing Depot I in Bernau was only lightly occupied. Thirty to 40 motor vehicles were seen in a motor vehicle shed.
9. On 3 August, the SS-Briefstaubenstation (homing pigeon station) (4243) in Bernau was lightly occupied. Between 18 and 26 August, 3 x 76.2-mm AA guns were seen in the AAA emplacement and approximately 90 soldiers received instruction on another gun in the yard. Thirty soldiers engaged in the improvement of field fortifications. A tent, 3 field kitchens, 1 tank truck and 10 trucks
10. On 1 September, the SS-Briefstauben Station in Bernau was occupied by approximately 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 21 July, about 60 soldiers practiced aiming with a mobile sighting mechanism. On 31 July, approximately 30 soldiers engaged in service of the piece drill on 4 x 37-mm AA guns. On 21 August, 50 trucks were seen in the yard. On 1 September, AA guns fired at 2 jet aircraft which repeatedly approached the installation. The exercise terminated at about 1600.

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11. On 17 August, the SS-Brieftauben Station in Bernau was partially occupied. Three AA guns were dug in in the northeast corner of the installation.

12. On 31 August, the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity.

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14. On 20 August, the Schuetzen Kaserne (4342) in Eberswalde was occupied as previously.

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On 31 July, a column which came from the direction of the waterfront and proceeded toward the barracks installation, passed through Eberswalde. The column consisted of 58 motorcycles, armored personnel carriers

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15. On 7 August, the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. On 25 July, a motorized unit of battalion strength left toward Trampe for an exercise.

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16. On 31 August, the Artillerie Kaserne (4341) in Eberswalde was occupied almost to capacity. On 22 August, the following weapons and vehicles entered the installation from the direction of the

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The columns apparently returned from small-scale exercises in the vicinity of the post.

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17. On 20 August, the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity. There was no training.

18. On 30 July, the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 27 July, the installation was quiet.

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19. On 19 August, the cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse (4344) in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity. On 28 August, 20 soldiers drilled at the drill ground. Another 20 soldiers left toward the waterfall. Twenty-eight trucks were seen in, and 5 trailers for tree trunks in front of, the motor vehicle shed. [redacted]
20. On 28 August, the cantonment on Breitscheid Strasse in Eberswalde was occupied to capacity. Twenty-eight trucks and 5 special trailers for timber were seen in a shed. On 24 August, approximately 100 soldiers engaged in drill. Physical training and, in some cases, training with gas masks was also observed. [redacted]
- Between 5 and 7 August, elements from the units in the camp conducted an exercise. On 20 August, elements of the troops stationed there were again absent.²
21. On 17 August, the Britz cantonment (4301) near Eberswalde was occupied by approximately 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 9 August, 60 to 80 soldiers received instruction on 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 5 AA machine guns. Approximately 20 trucks were seen in the quartering area. At about 1500, 5 trucks towing 4 x 37-mm AA guns left the installation. On 17 August, approximately 30 soldiers engaged in gas defense training. [redacted]
22. On 10 August, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt (4221) in Berlin-Biesdorf was only partially occupied. The motor vehicle sheds in the northwest section of the quartering area were vacant. It was assumed that elements of the units transferred in late July. Prior to 19 August, no major change in the occupation strength was observed. Intensive traffic on foot by officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, women and children was observed between the officers billets south of Erbhof Weg and the installation.
23. On 3 August, the restricted area in the west section of the Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt was unusually quiet. On 26 July, only a few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen at the main entrance. It was assumed that the bulk of the units left for an exercise in late July or early August.⁵
24. On 22 June, [redacted] one Major Fedrov were mentioned on a document which authorized Colonel Shemyakin, commanding officer of a unit stationed on Grossberliner Damm near the Johannisthal airfield in Berlin-Schoeneweide to receive undetermined goods.⁶
1. [redacted] Comment. The units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div are distributed in the Bad Freienwalde, Bernau and Eberswalde posts as previously. The rotation from the posts to exercises in the known training areas and at the training grounds south and southeast of Eberswalde and west of Bernau (Schoenow training grounds) continued until late August. [redacted]

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